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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1-17145 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/554260</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/005773	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 28 May 2004 (28.05.2004)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 May 2003 (28.05.2003)
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Method For Removing Acid Gases From Pressurized Natural Gas That Is Contaminated With Acid Gas Compounds And Recovering The Removed Acid Gases At An Increased Pressure Level</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <div style="text-align: center;">Johannes Menzel</div>		
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6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <div style="margin-left: 20px;">           a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.            b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).         </div>		
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20. Other items or information:					
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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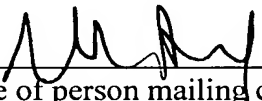
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